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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Howard Stoertz, NIO for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT:

NSSM 195 and U.S. Position on a Nuclear Test Ban

- 1. Attached are two related documents which require some further action. I would appreciate your insuring that such action as you consider necessary is taken.
- 2. The first is an NSC memorandum relaying a summary report of NSSM 195: Nuclear Weapon Test Ban Policy. This comes from the NSC Staff and is very hard to read (it would help if it were written in English). I have skimmed it and am not entirely sure what points it is trying to make.
- 3. The second and more important document is a 6 May memorandum to various addressees, including the DCI, signed by General Scowcroft for Henry Kissinger. As you will see, it advises the recipients that the U.S. has been informed that the USSR has changed its position on a Nuclear Test Ban and, on the President's behalf, directs each addressee -- drawing on NSSM 195 -- to prepare views on the U.S. approach to possible U.S.-Soviet talks to be held in the near future.
- 4. On the Executive Secretariat's buckslip we were sent the summary of NSSM 195 "For necessary action and further distribution if required" and were asked in conjunction with the 6 May memorandum to "Please highlight NSSM 195 for DCI." I am not quite sure what specifically we need to do and would like to discuss this with you. I am sending copies of this note and both of its attachments to Wally Howard, the Chairman of JAEIC. After you have both had a chance to examine them, I would like to get together. Carl Duckett, incidentally, apparently received a copy of the 6 May note, but from the buckslip I infer that we are the only recipients of the summary of the report on NSSM 195. I am also sending him a copy of this note and will send him a copy of the NSSM 195 report if he does not already have one.

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